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SUBJECT: BRITISH TUC SUPPORT FOR BLACK UNIONS IN SOUTH AFRICA.

1. SUMMARY; ACCORDING TO AN ARTICLE IN THE JUNE 3 EDITION
OF THE GARMENT WORKER, WHICH IS THE WEEKLY PUBLICATION OF THE
GARMENT WORKERS UNION OF SOUTH AFRICA, THE ICFTU SPONSORED
WEEK OF ACTION AGAINST SOUTH AFRICA HAS INFLUENCED THE VIEWS OF
MAJOR BRITISH EMPLOYERS OPERATING IN THE REPUBLIC. THE BRITISH
TRADE UNION COUNCIL (TUC) IS CONTINUING ITS CAMPAIGN OF SUPPORT
FOR BLACK TRADE UNIONS IN SOUTH AFRICA. END SUMMARY.

2. QUOTE: THE INTERNATIONAL WEEK OF ACTION ON SOUTH AFRICA HAS
INFLUENCED THE VIEWS OF MAJOR BRITISH EMPLOYERS OPERATING IN THE
REPUBLIC. THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT TOO HAVE MADE IT KNOWN PUBLICLY
THAT THEY SHARE THE CONCERN OF BRITISH TRADE UNIONISTS OVER THE
RECENT BANNING OF INDIVIDUAL TRADE UNIONISTS IN SOUTH AFRICA - ONE
OF THE ISSUES MUCH PUBLICISED DURING THE WEEK OF ACTION.
IN A SPECIALLY-PREPARED LEAFLET, THE TUC URGES TRADE UNIONISTS
TO TELL EMPLOYERS WHO USE, SELL, HANDLE OR TRANSPORT SOUTH
AFRICAN PRODUCTS, OR WHO SELL TO OR ARE IN BUSINESS IN SOUTH
AFRICA, THAT THE OVERWHELMING MAJORITY OF SOUTH AFRICAN WORKERS
ARE SHUT OUT OF THE OFFICIAL SYSTEM FOR NEGOTIATING WAGES AND
WORKING CONDITIONS.
MANY WHITE PEOPLE HELPING BLACK WORKERS TO PUT THEIR INDUSTRIAL
CASE HAVE BEEN BANNED.
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LOSE IF MATTERS ARE NOT PUT RIGHT - AND QUICKLY.
BRITISH WORKERS STAND TO LOSE, TOO..
THE LEAFLET URGES TRADE UNIONISTS TO GET THEIR EMPLOYER TO
PUT THE MESSAGE OVER TO HIS OWN TRADE ASSOCIATION AND TO
ALL HIS TRADE ASSOCIATES IN THE U.K. AND ABROAD.
" REMIND HIM THE BLACK UNIONS ARE WITHIN THE LAW". IT SAYS.
" THE SOUTH AFRICAN GOVERNMENT HAS SAID SO, AND AN EMPLOYER
IS WELL WITHIN HIS RIGHTS IN RECOGNIZING A UNION OF BLACK
WORKERS AND NEGOTIATING WITH IT.
'AND IF YOUR EMPLOYER IS IN BUSINESS IN SOUTH AFRICA, PRESS
HIM TO GO ON RECORD IN FAVOUR OF RECOGNIZING BLACK UNIONS, AND
NEGOTIATING WITH THEM' UNQUOTE. KIRBY

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